

# **COBB COUNTY SWIM ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS**

## **ARTICLE I NAME AND LOCATION**

### **SECTION I**

NAME - The name of the association is the Cobb County Summer Swim League (“the Association”).

### **SECTION II**

LOCATION - The principal office of the Association shall be located at the Cobb Aquatic Center.

## **ARTICLE II SANCTION AND RULES**

### **SECTION I**

The Cobb County Summer Swim League is organized in association with and under the auspices of the Cobb County Parks and Recreation Department.

### **SECTION II**

All rules and regulations set forth in these By-laws or as may be passed from time to time by the Cobb County Summer Swim League shall not conflict with any rule or regulation of the Cobb County Parks and Recreation Department.

## **ARTICLE III PURPOSE**

### **SECTION I**

The purpose of the Cobb County Summer Swim League is to provide swimmers the opportunity to compete in an enjoyable atmosphere of sportsmanship and cooperation.

## **ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIP AND VOTING RIGHTS**

### **SECTION I**

Each and every swim team recognized by the Cobb County Parks and Recreation Department as regularly constituted and eligible to participate in the Cobb County Summer Swim League shall be entitled to one membership in the Cobb County Swim Association.

### **SECTION II**

Each and every swim team membership shall be entitled to one designated member to the Cobb County Summer Swim League from among the membership of their swim team and exercise the voting rights thereof.

### **SECTION III**

The swim team member designated in Section ii of Article IV., above, shall be known as the swim team representative.

#### SECTION IV

The annual meeting date shall be in February/March.

### **ARTICLE V EXECUTIVE BOARD**

#### SECTION I

**PRESIDENT** - The President of the Cobb County Summer Swim League shall be elected by the swim team representatives.

#### SECTION II

**SECRETARY** - The Secretary of the Cobb County Summer Swim League shall be elected by the swim team representatives.

#### SECTION III

**SWIM TEAM DIVISION REPRESENTATIVE** - The swim team representatives of each swim team in a division shall elect one representative as Division Representative at the Annual Meeting. These representatives are considered the Executive Council. They must be a current and active coordinator in good standing with the League

#### SECTION IV

The realignment of divisions will be approved by the Executive Council prior to the first meeting.

#### SECTION V

Other duly elected officials shall serve a two year term beginning from the Annual Meeting. The President and Secretary shall serve a maximum of two (2) consecutive years unless approved by the Executive Council to serve an additional term.

### **ARTICLE VI**

#### SECTION I

The Cobb County Summer Swim League shall be governed by the Cobb Parks and Recreation in association with the Executive Council. Said Executive Council shall be composed of the President of the Cobb County Swim Association, a Secretary, swim team Division Representative, and a representative employed by the Cobb County Parks and Recreation Department.

#### SECTION II

Any Executive Council member may be removed from the Executive Council, with or without cause, by a majority vote of the members of the Executive Council.

#### SECTION III

In the event of death, resignation, or removal of the President and/or Secretary of the Association, their successor(s) shall be appointed by the Cobb County Summer Swim League Representative for the remainder of the season and a new Board Member(s) voted on at the next Annual Coordinators Meeting.

#### SECTION IV

In the event of the death, resignation, or removal of the representative employed by Cobb County Parks and Recreation, his successor shall be appointed and employed by Cobb County Parks and Recreation and shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor.

#### SECTION V

In the event of death, resignation, or removal of a Division Representative, his successor shall be elected by his/her division swim team representatives and shall serve for the unexpired term of his predecessor.

#### SECTION VI

The President, Secretary and Cobb County Parks representative shall have the right to take any action that needs immediate attention without written approval of the full Executive Committee. This action shall have the same effect as though taken at a meeting of the Executive council.

#### SECTION VII

No Executive Council member shall receive compensation for any service he/she may render to the Association.

### **ARTICLE VII POWER OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL IN ASSOCIATION WITH COBB COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION**

#### SECTION I

The Executive Council shall manage and direct the affairs and business of the Association and subject to any restriction imposed by law or by these By-laws, may exercise all the powers of the Association in and with the Association of the Cobb County Parks and Recreation Department.

#### SECTION II

The Executive Council shall exercise such duties and responsibilities as shall be incumbent upon it by law or these By-laws in addition to such other and further duties as it may deem necessary or appropriate in the exercise of its powers with the Cobb County Parks and Recreation Department.

#### SECTION III

The Association has given their approval in electing their Division Representative as their voting authority in all matters with the Executive Council. The Executive Council has the authority to change and make decisions in order to manage and direct the day-to-day business of the Association with the exception of major by-law changes in accordance with the by-laws without a vote of the Association. Major changes affecting the by-laws will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

## **ARTICLE VIII ORGANIZATION**

### **SECTION I**

There will be one swim league.

### **SECTION I**

The league shall consist of two zones. Each zone will consist of divisions. More zones may be added as needed depending on need. These divisions shall be named:

- (1) Gold
- (2) Silver
- (3) Bronze
- (4) Platinum
- (5) Copper
- (6) Brass
- (7) Steel
- (8) Nickel
- (9) Iron
- (10) Tin

### **SECTION III**

Each division consists of six (6) teams unless the number of teams prohibit, which would raise or lower the number in a division.

### **SECTION IV**

New teams entering the Association shall be placed in the lowest division the first year. Any team that did not participate in the Association in the previous year shall be considered new.

### **SECTION V**

Teams, other than new teams, shall be placed in league divisions as stated in Section IV of Article V.

### **SECTION VI**

Each team shall be re-evaluated each year as stated in Section IV of Article V.

### **SECTION VII**

Each team has the right to petition, in writing, to the Cobb Aquatic Center for their division placement within the league. The Executive Council, in conjunction with the Cobb Aquatic Center, will review the petition and make their determination of the request.

## **ARTICLE IX POINT SYSTEM**

### **SECTION 1**

Team size shall be assigned a point system value as follows:

Team Size	Value
0-49	1
50-59	2
60-69	3
70-79	6
80-89	8
90-99	10
100-120	12
Over 120	14

### **SECTION II**

Division difficulty values shall be assigned as follows:

Gold	10	Brass	5
Silver	9	Steel	4
Bronze	8	Nickel	3
Platinum	7	Iron	2
Copper	6	Tin	1

As new divisions are added, new names and new alignments will be necessary. New teams, beginning with the 2010 season must have a minimum of 49 member to be placed in a division.

### **SECTION III**

Win/loss records shall be assigned a point system value as follows:

Six Team Division	Value
0 – 5	1
1 – 4	2
2 – 3	3
3 – 2	4
4 – 1	5
5 – 0	6

Any other records, defaults, etc., will be dealt with by the Executive Council.

### **SECTION IV**

Meet points scored divided by the number of meets determine the point system value as follows:

Average Points	Value
0 – 300	1
300 – 350	2
351 – 400	3
401 – 450	4
451 – 500	5
600+	6

## SECTION V

Teams shall be assigned a point system value based on age and experience:

Age and Experience	Value
0 - 2 years	1
3 - 5 years	3
6 & up years	6

## SECTION VI

The cumulative value of Section I through Section V shall be considered the team scores. The team score shall be used to place each team in a league and division.

# ARTICLE X PLACEMENT

## SECTION I

Each season teams shall be placed in a zone and division as follows:

- A. Geographical placement if possible
- B. Unless league realignment, all division winners will move up, and all division Losers will move down. Continue with the other teams as established by the Cobb County Summer Swim League Meet Manual
- C. A team shall not move up more than two, nor down more than two divisions each year.

## SECTION II

In the event of team score ties, proceed as follows:

- A. Team size - If still tied go to B
- B. Division level - If still tied go to C
- C. Win/loss record - If still tied go to D
- D. Average points scored - If still tied go to E
- E. Team age - If still tied go to F
- F. Coin toss - A coin toss shall be conducted by the President of the Association and the representatives of the teams tied. The coin toss shall be conducted at a place and time designated by the President

# ARTICLE XI MEET REGULATIONS

## SECTION I

Age Divisions—Swimmers shall be divided into age divisions as follows:

- A. 5-6
- B. 7-8
- C. 9-10
- D. 11-12
- E. 13-14
- F. 15 - 18

## SECTION II

The age control date is the swimmer's age as of May 31<sup>st</sup> and determines the age the swimmer swims for that season and through the state meet, to coincide with Georgia Recreation and Parks Association.

## SECTION III

A swimmer may move up one (1) age group for individual events but must stay in that higher age group for the entire meet in individual and relay events. A swimmer may move up one (10 age group for relay events only and still compete in his proper age group in individual events.

### A. Six and under rules

- a. Must be able to swim the length of the pool for scoring heats. Swimmer may stop to rest and then continue

### B. Handicap swimmers may wear "floaties" or any device to enable them to compete

## SECTION IV

### ELIGIBILITY

- A. To be able to swim in the Cobb County Swim Association swimmers or their parent(s) must live, work or attend school within Cobb County. Exceptions to this rule must be presented to the Executive Council prior to participating in a swim meet.
- B. Individual swimmers may enter a maximum of three (3) individual events plus one (1) medley relay and one (1) free relay. A swimmer may not swim five individual events.
- C. A swimmer may represent only one (1) swim team in the Cobb County Summer Swim League. A swimmer may not swim for Cobb County and another county.
- D. Swimmers must be in good standing with the team they represent. New swimmers must be registered with the Cobb Aquatic Center prior to 5:00 p.m. on the day of the meet. Any additions may be registered by phone and payment is due within ten (10) days. New swimmers may not be added to a swim team for a swim team's final meet.
- E. Each swim team may enter for points
  - a. Individual Events - 2 swimmers
  - b. 1 Relay
- F. Each swim team will be encouraged to have each swimmer participate in each meet. However, no team will be allowed more than 120 swimmers at any given meet.
- G. Swimmers must complete an event to win points and/or ribbons.
- H. All rules for swimming and strokes, starts' and turns, and for relays shall be taken directly from the current U.S. Swimming rule book.
- I. All Teams will start at the deep end. Starting blocks cannot be used if the water is less than five (5) feet deep. If the water is less than five (5) feet deep on both ends, starts are to be standing starts without starting blocks.
- J. Adequate lighting is to be provided by the host team in the event the meet runs after dark.
- K. Host team is responsible for the conduct and running of the meet. Each team will provide all supplies necessary for their own team to properly participate in a meet.

- L. Home swim team will swim in lanes 2 and 4 for the meet. Also designate your relay lane to be scored.

## SECTION V

### RIBBONS AND SCORING:

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> – Blue = 5 points  | 4 <sup>th</sup> – Yellow = 1 point |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Red = 3 points   | 5 <sup>th</sup> – Green = Ex       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> – White = 2 points | 6 <sup>th</sup> – Maroon = Ex      |

## SECTION VI

OFFICIALS-- Host and visiting teams are responsible for providing a trained stroke and turn person to be used in the event a Cobb County Parks Dept. assigned official does not show.

## SECTION VII

TEAM SIZE—Swim teams can exceed one hundred twenty (120) on their roster, however, only 120 swimmers may participate in any given meet.

## SECTION VIII

### SCHEDULE

- A. Each swim team shall compete in a dual meet with each of the other teams in their division.
- B. In the event of inclement weather, the head referee or stroke and turn judges (if referee is not present) shall be responsible for starting and stopping the meet.
- C. No meet shall proceed past eleven (11:00) o'clock p.m.
- D. Any meet that has not completed event #46 will have to be rescheduled and shall be restarted at the event where it was stopped. If event #46 has been completed, the meet is over and whoever is ahead will be declared the winner.
- E. If a meet cannot be swum or completed due to inclement weather, that meet shall not be considered in the point value system for evaluation contained in Article IX.
- F. Scores from the meet are to be called in to the division representative by the host team within twenty-four (24) hours. If scores are not called in to the Cobb Aquatic Center by that time, those teams will constitute a forfeit or points subtracted when re-aligning the teams. If the team cannot get in contact with the division representative, the host team is to call the Aquatic Center with the scores.

## SECTION IX

### RECRUITING

- A. USA coaches are not to hand out any type of printed material during a summer swim league meet. Neither are they to place any printed materials on vehicles in the parking lots. Doing so will be a violation of the No Soliciting law and will be reported.
- B. USA coaches are allowed to attend meets but must follow the following rules:
  - a. Introduce yourselves to the team coaches
  - b. Do not approach the swimmer or parents without permission or introduction from the coach. All team coordinators and coaches will be given a list of USA teams to pass to parents if requested

## SECTION X

### STATE TEAM PROCEDURES

#### A. State Coaches:

- a. State coaches will be selected by the Aquatic Center Coordinator and approved by the League President and Secretary.
- b. Coaches must have coached a summer parks and recreation team during the current year of becoming a state team coach.

#### B. State Relays:

- a. State relay lineups will be the final decision of the state coach
- b. The state coach's discretion will be the deciding factor for relay lineups
  - i. Times will be the primary factor, but not the deciding factor
  - ii. This is the responsibility of the coach for the Cobb County team